

purpose. Our democracy has been tested, and the forces of autocracy have been defeated. To the glory of the citizen-soldier, our troops have faithfully fulfilled their trust, and in a succession of brilliant offensives have overcome the menace to our civilization.

As an individual, your part in the world war has been an important one in the sum total of our achievements. Whether keeping lonely vigil in the trenches, or gallantly storming the enemy's stronghold; whether enduring monotonous drudgery at the rear, or sustaining the fighting line at the front, each has bravely and efficiently played his part. By willing sacrifice of personal rights; by cheerful endurance of hardship and privation; by vigor, strength and indomitable will, made effective by thorough organization and cordial coöperation, you inspired the war-worn Allies with new life and turned the tide of threatened defeat into overwhelming victory.

With a consecrated devotion to duty and a will to conquer, you have loyally served your country. By your exemplary conduct a standard has been established and maintained never before attained by any army. With mind and body as clean and strong as the decisive blows you delivered against the foe, you are soon to return to the pursuits of peace. In leaving the scenes of your victories, may I ask that you carry home your high ideals and continue to live as you have served—an honor to the principles for which you have fought and to the fallen comrades you leave behind.

It is with pride in our success that I extend to you my sincere thanks for your splendid service to the army and to the nation.

Faithfully,

JOHN J. PERSHING,  
Commander in Chief.

Official:

ROBERT C. DAVIS,  
Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS 30TH DIVISION  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
FRANCE

March 2d, 1919.

NOTICE! ALL MEMBERS OF THE 30TH DIVISION:

The great name of the "Old Hickory Division" and your brave and noble deeds are to be incorporated in the records for future generations. In order that the ties of comradeship and service, which have cemented you together, may not fall asunder and disappear, an Association of the division has been formed. This association will meet each year where its members may renew their friendships and acquaintances enjoyed during the real life of the division, and where their deeds and services can be recalled, which deeds and services have justly entitled the division to the recognition throughout the world as one of the greatest divisions in American military history.

The following is a short synopsis of the tentative organization, subject to change and ratification at the first annual convention:

NAME: "Old Hickory (30th) Division Association."

DATE OF FIRST CONVENTION: September 28-29, 1919.

PLACE: To be announced later.

The undersigned Organization Committee was selected at a meeting held February 27th, 1919. This meeting was composed of all General Officers of the division, the Chief of Staff, Chiefs of Sections of the General Staff, Chiefs of Services, and all Regimental and Independent Unit Commanders, who represented all organizations and all departments of the division. There will be, in addition to the Organization Committee, the following sub-committees:

Committee on Membership,  
Committee on Constitution and By-Laws,  
Committee on Arrangements,  
Committee on Finance,  
Committee on Historical Records.